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AUDUBON AT THE VP FAIR

The St. Louis Audubon Society was one of six organizations represented in this year's Anheuser-Busch tent at the VP Fair. A crew handed out Audubon information, and talked to many people regarding bird houses, feeders, and related items. Thanks go out to those who worked in the booth over the three-day weekend:

Ernestine & Marshall Magner
Laverne Koyne
Betty Williams
Mary Dueren
Blaine & Janet Ulmer
Nick Staten
Mary Lou Miller
Arthur Montgomery
Al Haller
Karen Haller
Bill Salsgiver
Ron Darling
Bill Brandhorst
Vi & Dennis Pinkerton
Steve Hill

NAS TELEVISION SERIES UNDER ATTACK...AGAIN

The National Audubon Society's television series is once again under attack. This time, the special broadcast "The New Range Wars" has come under attack from the cattle lobby. They are launching an all-out campaign to get General Electric to drop its sponsorship of the series.

A previous attack cost NAS the sponsorship of Stroh's Brewery.

To save the Audubon television series, NAS needs GE's sponsorship. Please write to Mr. Jack Welch, Chairman of the Board, GE, 3135 Easton Turnpike, Fairfield, CT 06431 and tell him how important you believe this series to be.

NOVEMBER 1 MEETING TO DISCUSS FOREST MANAGEMENT

The St. Louis Audubon Society will hold a general membership meeting on November 1 at the new Powder Valley Nature Center. This meeting will kick off the St. Louis Audubon's new series of issue discussions. On hand at the meeting will be representatives of the Missouri Department of Conservation, local environmentalists, and others, to discuss the topic of forest management.

Forest Management in Missouri's Woodlands

Friday, November 1, 1991

7:00PM

Powder Valley Nature Center Auditorium
Cragwold Road

PROJECTED PROGRAM

- 7:00 Audubon Business Meeting
- 7:30 Overview, Missouri Forests
Carl Houser, Missouri Department of Conservation
- 7:45 Selective Uneven Management
Caroline Pufalt, Environmentalist
Bill Cole, Missouri Department of Conservation
- 8:15 Large Tract Regeneration
John Fleming, Missouri Department of Conservation
- 8:30 Question and Answer Period
- 9:00 Adjournment

Additional speakers are expected to appear. Discussion will range over clear cutting and its effects on Missouri's forests. This is your chance to come out, hear the evidence, join in the discussion and voice your own opinion on this important and controversial topic. **To Reach the Powder Valley Nature Center:** Take I-44 to Watson Road Exit; Turn left on Geyer Road; Turn left onto Cragwold.

SAVE RECEIPTS FOR AUDUBON ADVENTURES!

You can help raise funds for Audubon Adventure by saving receipts and labels from CCA sponsors (see insert for a list of sponsors). CCA is KEZK Radio's Community Commitment for

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Chapter Update

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

by Bill Salsgiver

I would like to take this opportunity to extend further congratulations to our Education Committee for the award our chapter received from the National Audubon Society. The efforts of Mary Lou Miller and the other people on the Education Committee have been recognized by have been recognized by the national office for placing Audubon Adventures in over 100 classrooms last year. This is quite an accomplishment, as we are one of only 14 chapters in the country to be so honored. Kudos to Mary Lou and our Education Committee.

This fall we are embarking on a new adventure for us. We are going to participate in a new fund raising effort, which Ginny Conger explains elsewhere in this newsletter. The funds generated from this project will be used to place Audubon Adventures in more St. Louis area classrooms, so maybe next year we'll get another "Over 100 Club" award.

Also be on the lookout for information regarding an Audubon Birdseed Sale. This year we will start small, but hopefully this birdseed sale will grow into a major moneymaker for our chapter. As always, if we could talk you into helping us out, just give us a call.

Don't miss our next general membership meeting. It promises to be both exciting and interesting. The topic will be forest management, and the place will be the new Department of Conservation Powder Valley Nature Center. Check the enclosed calendar for directions and see you there.

NO MORE BLUE FLAG

You might notice that the flag that has headed this column for the last few issues is now gone. National Audubon has received letters from so many people that didn't like the new logo, that they've decided to go back to the traditional egret. Look for the egret in upcoming issues.

SLAS HONORED

The St. Louis Audubon Society was recently honored with a Certificate of Recognition from the National Audubon Society for sponsoring over 100 classrooms of Audubon Adventures in the 1990-1991 school year. This puts SLAS in the "100 Club." This is the second year of reaching over 100 classrooms, having attained 180 classrooms in 1989-90 and 134 in 1990-91. We are proud of this award, especially since it was given through the NAS. You can see the framed certificate on the next visit to our Education Center. It was accompanied by a nice letter from the Education Division of NAS.

NEW NEWSLETTER COMING

Mark Sumner

By the time you receive your next copy of the St. Louis Audubon Newsletter, significant changes will be evident. This is the last newsletter under my tenure as editor, and the new editor promises to bring new professionalism to this production.

While I've enjoyed my time in this position, it's the feeling of all those involved, that the membership of the St. Louis Audubon deserves a professional, timely newsletter. SLAS has had several candidates to take over the editor position, and a special newsletter committee is now studying the candidates to provide you with the best newsletter possible.

All of the prospective candidates bring experience and ability. And all have more knowledge of the editing and layout process than I.

To all those who have helped in putting this newsletter together over the last two years, you have my profound thanks. To all the members I can say that I think you'll enjoy your new newsletter and know you can expect it to arrive at your home in a more regular, timely basis.

DONATIONS

Ms. Carolyn Mattson, in memory of her husband, Dennis Mattson.

Debby Samac and John McKrone have made a donation to put Audubon Adventures in more area classrooms.

Ginny Conger has made donations allowing funding of additional classrooms for Audubon Adventures.

Education

AUDUBON ADVENTURES



AUDUBON ADVENTURES UPDATE

As of September 20, 1991, Audubon Adventures is reaching 29 classrooms in the Fox District of the Arnold area, 4 other classrooms with individual funding, 6 classrooms in the Ritnenor School District, 3 classrooms in Briston Elementary School in the Webster groves School District, 1 classroom for the Dolphin Defenders of Dignity House, and 8 classrooms at Mesnier and Gotsch Elementary Schools in the Affton School District.

This is a total of 57 classrooms sponsored. We have funding for 5 classrooms in the St. Louis Public Schools, with hopes to receive funding for a few more. Also, we had other donations which will allow us to fund 4 more classrooms elsewhere. With funding already received, that should bring us to 20 additional classrooms, for an overall total of 77 classrooms.

Our sincerest thanks to those of you who have worked hard to reach the classrooms and those of you who donated funding for these classrooms. Included in this thank you are those who helped raise funds through the birdathon. That is certainly a good ranking since it was the first year of an organized Birdathon by our chapter.

RECEIPTS BRING FUNDS FOR AUDUBON ADVENTURES

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Action Program. By turning in receipts and labels from CCA corporate sponsors, nonprofit organizations can earn money for their activities. St. Louis Audubon Society will participate in the CCA program for 1991-1992.

Please keep the list of sponsors handy, and try to set aside a drawer or box where you can put labels and receipts as you collect them. You might also enlist the help of your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers.

You can turn in your receipts and labels at the collection box at the Education Center or at General Meetings or Second Sunday Programs. If you prefer, you can mail them to Ginny Conger at 7125 A Dartmouth, University City, MO 63130, or call her at 721-0611 and she will come and pick them up.

If you would like to help coordinate the program or serve as a regional collection point, please give Ginny a call. Thanks very much for your help.

"M & M" AFTER-SCHOOL WORKSHOP

The Education Committee of the St. Louis Audubon Society will have a table at the "Motivation and Momentum" Workshop Series of the Network for Educational Development to be held on October 10, 1991 from 4:15 to 6:15PM at the Missouri Botanical Gardens. We will have education materials on display.

This teacher's network includes teachers and administrators in 32 school districts in four Missouri counties (St. Louis, Franklin, Jefferson, and St. Charles) plus the City of St. Louis. This invitation was made through the Resource Center Network which meets twice a year to share ideas and information on educational needs and offerings in our area.

SECOND SUNDAY OPEN HOUSE CONTINUES AT EDUCATION CENTER

The Education at 389 Lewis Road is always open the second Sunday of every month from 11AM to 3PM whether or not there is a special program. Everyone is invited to come out, bring a sack lunch, spend some time on the trails, browse the library, or just enjoy the country air.

We would like to have our Education Center open more often for our members and the public, but lack of volunteers prevents us from doing so. Many members and the public do not realize we are a totally volunteer organization with no paid staff. We have a limited number of active volunteers willing to give of their time to do this type of activity. If you would like to volunteer your services or time in any capacity, please call any of the officers listed in this bulletin and tell them how you would like to help.

We are always in need of volunteers to help at the Education Center in other ways such as mowing, cleaning, yard work, and general repair. If you would like to help in this way, please call Jerry Miller at home at 389-3969 evenings.

Our Education Center is an old structure in need of much maintenance and repairs to keep it open. Your help would be appreciated by the Board of Directors and Officers.



CONSERVATION CORNER

by Ron Darling

The displacement of people for a future parking lot is an emotional issue that eventually turns political. The recent reversal by the Missouri Botanical Gardens is a case in point. Their proposal to expand the parking lot toward I-44 promptly met with local and resultant aldermanic support.

The case of the Forest Park Art Museum parking lot expansion into the fringe of Kennedy Forest is another proposal. Here the displaced parties are members of the wildlife community. Will the result be the same? Remember—warblers don't vote.

Habitat elimination is the number one threat to non-human animals. This issue is amplified in an urban area where human and wildlife needs frequently collide. People often feel justified in engineering their natural environment simply because it is an achievable solution. People on the one hand can adapt to new housing and changing neighborhoods. Certain species of birds and wildlife can not adapt. Our priorities of displacement should be reversed.

Save the Greenbelt
Stop the Outerbelt

Environment

PAGE AVENUE EXTENSION UPDATE

Citizens To Save Creve Coeur Park

BACKGROUND

The Missouri Highway and Transportation Department plans to build a ten lane highway through the middle of Creve Coeur Park and over Creve Coeur Lake. However, before construction can begin the project must receive the approval of various government agencies. Some of the agencies have already expressed strong reservations about building the highway through the park.

CURRENT STATUS

- ♦ The Missouri Highway and Transportation Department has started to meet with government agencies in Washington, D.C. to obtain approval for the project.
- ♦ Many of these agencies will decide whether or not to support the project within the next month.
- ♦ Some of the agencies that previously expressed reservations about constructing the highway through Creve Coeur Park could change their position and approve the project.

It is urgent that our elected officials in Washington know that the construction of this ten lane highway through the park would create noise, air and water pollution, the destruction of parkland and wildlife and the possible curtailment of many water activities.

Write your letters as soon as possible to:

Senator Christopher Bond
293 Russell Senate Building
Washington, DC 20510-2503

Senator John Danforth
249 Russell Senate Building
Washington, DC 20510-2503

EXTENDING PAGE AND POLLUTION

Robert E. Goetz
The Open Space Council
for the St. Louis Region

As a landscape architect who has planned 140 parks throughout the midwest, I am at a loss to understand the logic of St. Louis County Executive George "Buzz" Westfall's statement that Creve Coeur Park will actually be better after 10 lanes of noisy, polluting traffic of the Page Avenue extension is built through the heart of the park. Consider the following factors:

1. The Missouri Highway Department said the noise barrier walls on the bridge will be 4 feet high, which would do nothing to stop truck noise, most of which emanates from their exhaust pipes, which are 10 to 12 feet high.
2. Trucks are by far the largest producers of noise on the highway, and the noise would be maximized when they downshift to make the hill to the bluff.
3. The noise and sight will be especially bad along the bluff, including the Greensfelder Memorial, one of the most beautiful spots in the park.
4. You will see and hear the highway anywhere in the park, because after it crosses the lake on the bridge, it turns north and goes parallel to the park on a 10' to 15' berm, where there will be no sound barriers.

Any of the routes planned would be a disaster for residents of St. Louis County, and highway planners themselves admit that the Page Avenue extension would soon become clogged.

For now, it is important to write:

Office of the Secretary
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C. St. NW
MS-6217
Washington, D.C. 20240-0001

Office of the Director
Missouri Dept. of Natural Resources
P. O. Box 176
Jefferson City, MO 65102

and urge them to hold to their previous decision against the Red Route.

Other Committees and Information

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP SERIES

Join the St. Louis Audubon Society in the first of a series of general membership meetings devoted to conservation issues. On November 1, 1991, at the Powder Valley Nature Center Auditorium, the first issue will concern Missouri's forest management. The second, on February 7, 1991, will be on Human Population Dynamics, and the third, on Wetlands Conservation, is scheduled for April 3, 1992.

The Missouri Department of Conservation's new nature center, Powder Valley (at I-270 and I-44), is scheduled to open at the end of October. The forest management discussion is part of the Department's focus on environmental education.

We will have a speaker panel format for our first meeting. A representative from each of the following have been invited to share their ideas and answer your questions: National Audubon Society, Missouri Department of Conservation, Missouri Forest Products Association, and local environmental groups.

Please come and share your questions and thoughts on this important issue. Hope to see you on November 1.

1992 BIRDATHON GETS CHAIRMAN

Mike Zeloski will be the new chairman for the 1992 Birdathon. Mike left St. Louis for about a year and a half to join Busch Gardens in Florida. He also spent time in several other states working with raptors and other birds before returning to St. Louis this fall. We are happy to welcome Mike Back to St. Louis and feel lucky to have him as our 1992 Birdathon chairman. He brings with him a great deal of ornithological knowledge.

BIRDATHON BOOT CAMP

In connection with the Birdathon, we have an opportunity to send two people to a Birdathon Boot Camp to be held on October 25 through 27, November 8 through 10, or November 15 through 17 at the Audubon Nature Center in Sandstone, Minnesota; Star Ranch, Orange Co., CA; and Charleston, SC, respectively. The cost for the camp will be \$75 which includes pickup at arrival and return for departure at the airport, all meals, gratuities, workshop supplies, and room and board at the camp.

The only other cost will be the air fare. As an incentive, the National Audubon Society will pick up all costs of one person if the chapter will send two people. Our Executive Committee has authorized funding part of the cost of the second person. Our Executive Committee has authorized funding part of the cost of the second person. This should make the camp accessible to persons willing to help organize the Birdathon in the Spring of 1992. If you are interested, please call Mary Lou Miller, 389-3969 evenings.

LETTER TO THE AWARDS COMMITTEE

Karen Haller, chairman of the Awards Committee, recently got this letter:

Dear Karen,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and the St. Louis Audubon Society for the scholarship which allowed me to attend the Audubon Camp in the West. My wife and I both agree that it was one of the most rewarding weeks of our lives. I can not think of enough superlatives to accurately describe the experience. The instructors were all excellent motivators and teachers, the scenery was wonderful (we dreaded coming home to the St. Louis heat and humidity).

I feel as if my batteries have been recharged and hope I can take some of the camps enthusiasm with me in the teaching of the 7th graders and helping with some of the many environmental problems we are all faced with.

Thanks you again for the wonderful experience.

Sincerely,
Thomas M. Reich

ATTENTION AUDUBON MEMBERS & FRIENDS

SPECIAL BIRDSEED SALE

Here's a way to support our chapter's Conservation and Education Programs and at the same time, feed and enjoy watching songbirds around your home-- purchase black oil-type sunflower seed from our chapter through the mail and pick up the seed on the weekend of November 16 and 17 at West County Shopping Center. Simply drive to the northwest corner of the parking lot between 10am and 3pm on Saturday (Nov. 16) or between noon and 3pm on Sunday (Nov. 17) and we'll load your order into the trunk of your car.

Black oil-type sunflower seed is a premium seed type that attracts the widest array of songbirds in the Midwest. (For a complete explanation of attractiveness of black oil-type sunflower seed, please call the Missouri Conservation Metro Office at 821-1571 and ask to be sent out the free bifold brochure, "Backyard Birdfeeding.")

The sunflower seed will be available in 25- and 50-pound bags. We will sell the 25-pound bag for \$8.00 and the 50-pound bag for \$13.00. To order, please use the tear-off order blank below. Figure out how many bags of each weight you want, multiply by the price of that weight, and mail in a check for that amount made out to the St. Louis Audubon Society. Please mail in your order/check by November 7th and come by the central location of West County Shopping Center between the hours listed above for your seed. In case you cannot pick it up that weekend (or forget to), please call our Audubon telephone answering machine at 938-6123 and other arrangements will be made. Thank you for supporting our Conservation and Education Programs!!! If you have any questions, please call any board member or officer or leave a message on the telephone answering machine.

(Please Detach Here, Mail This Portion In Along With Your Check)

Name _____ Phone Day _____ Eve _____

Address _____

Number of 25 pound bags _____ X \$8.00 per bag = _____

Number of 50 pound bags _____ X \$13.00 per bag = _____

Total Amount (Check enclosed) _____

Please Make Checks Payable to:

St. Louis Audubon Society

Please Mail Order & Check to:

Birdseed
St. Louis Audubon Education Center
389 Lewis Road
Crescent, MO 63018

Upcoming Events

GENERAL MEETINGS

The next St. Louis Audubon Society general meeting will be held on Friday, November 1, at 7:00 PM. The location for this meeting will be the new Powder Valley Nature Center located on Cragwold Road near I-44 and Watson. The program for this meeting will include the first St. Louis Audubon Issue Discussion on "Forest Management." See the article on page 1 for more details.

The next General Meeting will take place on Feb. 7, and the discussion topic that day will be "Human Population: How Dense Can We Get?"

SECOND SUNDAY PROGRAMS

In November, the Second Sunday program at the Audubon Education Center will feature a special programs on some of our area's ancient residents when the focus turns to "Missouri Ozark Dinosaurs" on November 10.

December's Second Sunday, the 8th, is the date for the annual Webster Groves Nature Study Society / St. Louis Audubon joint open house.

Second Sunday programs are held at the St. Louis Audubon Nature Center on Lewis Road and start at 1:30 PM. For either program, contact Debby Samac, 537-9056, for details.

BIRD WALKS

John Blake leads a birdwalk to the Riverlands Area on November 2. Contact John at 725-3480 for more information.

Horseshoe Lake is the target of John's next trip on November 16. Meet at the concession stand.

More details on Birdwalk areas is provided on the calendar.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Celebrate the holidays with St. Louis Audubon and the Webster Groves Nature Society at their annual joint Holiday Open House.

ST. LOUIS AUDUBON SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Check the membership category desired: ☐ New ☐ Renewal

☐ Introductory/\$20

☐ Individual/\$35

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☐ Sustaining/\$50

☐ Supporting/\$100

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☐ Sr. Citizen Family/\$23

Name

Address

City

State

Zip Code

Send application to:

Mrs. Katherine Chambers, Membership Chairman

St. Louis Audubon Society 7XCH

7024 Forsyth

St. Louis, MO 63105

Make membership checks payable to:

NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY

If you wish to make a donation to the local chapter, please write a separate check to:

ST. LOUIS AUDUBON SOCIETY

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